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## Canada's SchoolNet – Private Sector

Canada's SchoolNet is a collaborative initiative led by Industry Canada, in partnership with provincial and territorial governments, the education community and the private sector. SchoolNet aims to provide high-speed access to the Information Highway to Canadian schools and libraries. The program is a part of *Connecting Canadians*, the Government of Canada's strategy to keep Canada among the leaders in connecting its citizens to the Internet. Following is a listing of some of SchoolNet's programs. If you wish to learn more about SchoolNet, please call **1-800-575-9200**, write to **schoolnet@ic.gc.ca** or visit **www.schoolnet.ca**.

### SchoolNet GrassRoots National Campaign

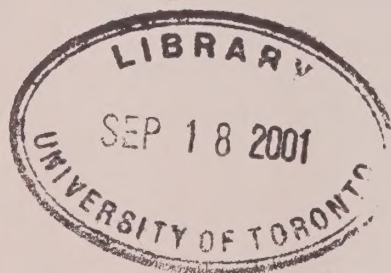
In the knowledge economy, it's vital that young Canadians adapt to rapid technological change. With the SchoolNet GrassRoots National Campaign at **www.schoolnet.ca/grassrootscampaign**, Canada's private sector can play a key role in preparing young people for the workplace. Canada's SchoolNet is working to ensure that young Canadians develop the information and communication technology (ICT) skills that encourage critical thinking, teamwork and problem solving. SchoolNet launched the SchoolNet GrassRoots Program to meet these needs, offering funding for teachers and students to create new e-learning projects. It's a program that not only helps familiarize young people with new technologies, but it also helps develop new web-based learning content. Visit the SchoolNet GrassRoots web site at **www.schoolnet.ca/grassroots** to view projects and to find out how to become involved!

### Computers for Schools

Computers for Schools is an innovative program that collects Aretired@ computer equipment from governments and companies and upgrades it for use in Canadian schools and libraries. Program volunteers also work to create school-based computer workshops where students and teachers gain valuable hands-on experience in computer repair and troubleshooting. Computers for Schools is a simple, efficient way to ensure that Canada's young people have access to quality computer technology, so they can develop the ICT skills they need for the knowledge economy. By donating old computer equipment, warehouse space and operations support and spreading the word, companies can help meet the e-learning needs of Canada's young people. To find out how to get involved, visit **www.schoolnet.ca/cfs-ope**.

### SchoolNet Network of Innovative Schools

For e-learning to reach its full potential in the classroom, it's important that Canadians invest in innovation today. The SchoolNet Network of Innovative Schools enables educators in Canada to expand the possibilities of electronic education, while giving students critical ICT skills. SchoolNet selects schools that are leaders in e-learning and, in partnership with provincial and territorial education bodies and the private sector, supports these schools efforts to explore the frontiers of ICT. Schools are developing online homework guides, linking with students around the world and developing sophisticated web sites that encourage interaction with the community. To continue this success, SchoolNet invites you to get involved by supporting the work of a specific school or by sponsoring the program as a whole. You will be contributing to a worthy community cause. Most importantly, you will be helping build a better future for Canadian students. For more information, visit **www.schoolnet.ca/nis-rei**.



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